

Correspondence and Postal Reports.

OUR BLACKHAWK CO., IOWA LETTER NO. 10.

WATERLOO, IOWA, Aug. 17th, 1894.

When a duty is put off once how easy it is to keep on neglecting it. Such has been the case with the Blackhawk Co. letters. Being busy the week I should have written, I put it off until the next week, and then kept putting it off. It never pays to neglect any duty no matter how small it may be.

The church at Hudson continues to work with the same zeal and earnestness as usual. Brother Lewis Gillen has been preaching some time for them giving Brother Hildebrand a vacation. Brother Gillen will preach for them this month yet. They expect to be represented by letter at the National Convention instead of by delegate.

The delegates from Enon and Waterloo were elected last Sunday, the 12th, for both National and District Conventions. Brethren S. B. Bickley and Eli Hoover were selected as delegates for the National Convention, and the pastor, Brother and Sister Josiah Lichty and Brother J. M. Lichty for the District Convention. Both conventions should be well attended by all who are interested and have the time to go.

The Enon Sunday school expects to have a picnic down the river some time in the near future. Of course the children anticipate having the best kind of a time.

The pastors of the West Waterloo churches are still holding their union park services Sunday evenings. They expect to continue them this month when they will resume services in their own churches. Brother Hildebrand expects to go to Garrison some time in the near future to hold a few services for them. They have not had any services lately but are doing what they can without. God only asks us to do the best we can, and when we do that his blessing is ours.

LIZZIE HILDEBRAND.

GLEANINGS FROM THE WAY SIDE.

NORTH MANCHESTER, IND.

We come again with good news informing the Brotherhood that there is another new church house in Ind., at Sidney.

The Brethren at that place have been hindered very much in consequence of not having a house of their own, but now they can worship under their own vine and fig tree with none to molest or make them afraid.

Sidney is some miles north of our home, and by the solicitation of the Brethren we consented to dedicate the house for them on the fifth Sunday in July. Wife, daughter and I drove over in the morning in time for service; found a nice, neat, cozy house of worship which is a credit to the church at Sidney the membership not

being large. This is where our esteemed Bro. Daniel Miller lives. Sister Dickey is the pastor. The Brethren wanted that we only take up a public collection and they would be responsible for what was back. We told them that we would call for donations for some people went with that intention. We did so and raised some \$85.00 for them in only a few moments, and the church was dedicated to God's service under the name of the Brethren church of Sidney.

The Brethren had all taken their refreshments, to Brother John Snell's and spread their tables in the grove near by and invited the Brethren from a distance and all who wished, to come and dine with them. Quite a pleasant social indeed. The afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation, song and prayer. May their untiring efforts be crowned with success and heaven's benediction follow.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

RESIGNATION AND WITHDRAWAL.

WARSAW, INDIANA, Aug. 11th, 1894.

TO ALL EVERYWHERE:—I hereby resign as pastor and elder of the Brethren church at North Manchester, Indiana; as a delegate to and as a member of the Executive Board of the Brethren's National Conference; as a Bible Instructor of the Brethren's Indiana Ministerial Association; as a member of the committee to formulate The Theological Course of Studies of Ashland University; as a member of the Incorporation Committee and as an instructor and as the vice-president of The Brethren's Ministerial Association; and as president of the Brethren's Church-Conference of the state of Indiana.

I also, now and hereby, withdraw my official and private personal membership, in all relations, from the congregations and the State and National Ministerial Associations and Conferences, everywhere, of the organization calling itself *The Brethren Church*.

D. C. CHRISTNER.

GIBSON, GORDON DEBATE.

LITCHFIELD, ILL., Aug. 16th, 1894.

The debate between Brother I. M. Gibson of the German Baptist Brethren and Elder W. T. Gordon of the Disciple church, held near Mulberry Grove, Bond Co., Ill., Aug. 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, was well attended and the German Baptist Brethren may well feel proud of the able defense made by Brother Gibson. The following questions were considered in the order named:—

(1.) Feet washing is a church ordinance and as such should be observed by the church—Gibson affirmed, Gordon denied.

(2.) The cup and loaf are the Lord's Supper and as such should be taken (or observed) on the first day of every week.—Gordon affirmed, Gibson denied.

(3.) Trine immersion by the for-

ward action is the baptism taught in the New Testament.—Gibson affirmed, Gordon denied.

(4.) Single immersion by the backward action is the baptism taught in the New Testament.—Gordon affirmed, Gibson denied.

One day was given to each subject; two hours in the forenoon and two hours in the afternoon; allowing each speaker two thirty minutes speeches at each session. Elder J. H. Moore of the Messenger was moderator for Brother Gibson and Elder G. W. Tate of West Salem, Edward Co., Ill., was moderator for Elder Gordon and D. K. Barber of the Baptist church was chairman of the debate.

The writer did not arrive at the place of discussion until noon of the second day, hence did not hear the first proposition at all and only the afternoon session of the second proposition. But judging from what we did hear of the second proposition, and the arguments offered by the disputants for and against propositions three and four, the position taken by the German Baptist Brethren was ably sustained, in fact the Disciples were disappointed in Elder Gordon.

Trine immersion was proven beyond a doubt from the arguments offered to be the baptism of the New Testament. In fact Elder Gordon was not able to grapple with the array of solid arguments offered by Brother Gibson in its defense. In the discussion of the last proposition we failed to see where Elder Gordon presented one solid argument in defense of single immersion. When the search light of truth was turned they melted away like frost before the noon-day sun. Brother Gibson's arguments throughout showed a careful and thorough study of those subjects, coupled with natural ability made him such an antagonist entirely unlooked for by his opponent. We came away stronger if it were possible in the doctrine of the Bible as taught and practiced by the Brethren church.

D. B. STUDEBAKER.

WANTS A CHANGE.

BURLINGTON, IND., AUG. 16, '94.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I have regretted very much that the Brethren organized a denominational Young People's Society, which excludes them from co-operating with the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, which is international and which any church may use to further its interest as efficiently as they could a denominational organization and yet have the privilege of joining the great international conventions, such as was held at Cleveland in July. I hope this will be changed this year, and that there will be a society organized in every church in the Brotherhood.

Fraternally,

B. L. GORDON.

POSTAL REPORT.

LEON, IA., Aug. 14, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Another month has rolled round since our last report. Sister Flora filled her regular appointment here. We had beautiful weather and large crowds. Bro. E. C. Stillwell and wife of Cariton were up and deposited their letters with this congregation. We are glad to welcome them and hope their connection with us may be pleasant for them and us as well as profitable. Next Sunday is Bro. Thomas' regular time but his appointment was withdrawn on account of the G. B. Brethren's communion meeting in the community. Next Sunday will be the first time our church building will not be used on Sunday since it was dedicated. We are having a good Sunday school also. Our religious fervor seems to be the only thing that can stand the drouth. So we are pressing on and by the help of God we expect by and by to reach a country where our praise shall be perfect.

Yours in hope,

M. P. GARBER.

BASKET MEETING, FOUR BAPTIZED

The Twelve Mile Corinth Brethren church, held a basket meeting in Bro. Frank Dillman's grove, Aug 9th. Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Swihart gave us two very interesting discourses.

The morning's sermon was "Religious Husbandry" which you will find in Luke ix, 62. In the afternoon, "What think ye of Christ?" Matt xxii, 42.

We had with us brethren and sisters from Roann, Mexico, and Burdettville, which we were very glad to have with us and we should have been very glad to have had many more.

Afterward Bro. Swinehart held a week's meeting for us. Four more precious souls came out and confessed Christ, and were baptized in harmony with the formula given by our blessed Savior, two of which were young men. There are many more that we would like to see come out on the Lord's side. It seems to me there ought to be many more young men and ladies working for their Master; for me it is a very pleasant task.

I must say one more word in regard to our Sabbath school. We have an evergreen S. S. Good attendance; with Bro. Wilson, Supt. So many little workers we trust they may always continue so.

CLARA KALSEY.

BRO. PALMER'S "GOOD-BYE" TO EDNA MILL'S CHURCH.

HUNTINGTON, IND.

We shall ever look back to Edna Mills, as a place where sweet communions, and joyous services have been held. Almost three years ago lacking a couple of weeks we took